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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE

DIRECTIVE NO. 1¹

BASIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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The intelligence effort of the United States is a national responsibility and must be so organized and managed as to exploit to the maximum the available resources of the Government and to satisfy the intelligence requirements of the National Security Council and of the departments and agencies of the Government. For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. *Overall Coordination*

The Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate the foreign intelligence activities of the United States in accordance with existing law and applicable directives. Such coordination shall include those forms of intelligence that constitute the foreign intelligence activities of the United States.

2. *The National Security Council Intelligence Committee (NSCIC)*

The National Security Council Intelligence Committee will be comprised of: The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Chairman; The Attorney General; The Director of Central Intelligence; The Under Secretary of State; The Deputy Secretary of Defense; and The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The National Security Council Intelligence Committee will give direction and guidance on national substantive intelligence needs and provide for a continuing evaluation of intelligence products from the viewpoint of the intelligence consumer.

3. *The Director of Central Intelligence*

a. The Director of Central Intelligence will discharge four major responsibilities:

(1) Planning, reviewing and evaluating all intelligence activities and the allocation of all intelligence resources.

(2) Producing national intelligence required by the President and other national consumers.

(3) Chairing and staffing all intelligence community advisory boards and committees.

(4) Establishing and reconciling intelligence requirements and priorities within budgetary constraints.

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b. The Director of Central Intelligence shall prepare and submit each year, through the Office of Management and Budget, a consolidated intelligence program/budget as directed in the Presidential memorandum of 5 November 1971. In preparing the program/budget, the Director of Central Intelligence will take into account such considerations as the comparative effectiveness of collection programs and the priorities of intelligence targets.

c. The Director of Central Intelligence shall act for the National Security Council to provide for detailed implementation of National Security Council Intelligence Directives by issuing, after appropriate consultation, such supplementary Director of Central Intelligence Directives as may be required. Such directives shall, as applicable, be promulgated and implemented within the normal command channels of the departments and agencies concerned.

d. The Director of Central Intelligence shall formulate, as appropriate, policies with respect to arrangements with foreign governments on intelligence matters.

e. The Director of Central Intelligence shall make recommendations on foreign intelligence matters to appropriate United States officials.

f. The Director of Central Intelligence shall develop and review security standards and practices as they relate to the protection of intelligence and of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

g. Director of Central Intelligence Directives to be issued in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph c above shall include:

(1) General guidance and the establishment of specific priorities for the production of national and other intelligence and for collection and other activities in support thereof and their formal transmission to the National Security Council.

(2) Establishment of policy, procedures and practices for the maintenance, by the individual components of the intelligence community, of a continuing interchange of intelligence, intelligence information and other information with utility for intelligence purposes.

h. The Director of Central Intelligence, or representatives designated by him, in consultation with the head of the intelligence or other appropriate component of the department or agency concerned, shall make such surveys of departmental intelligence activities of the various departments and agencies as he may deem necessary in connection with his duty to advise the National Security Council and to coordinate the intelligence effort of the United States.

i. In making recommendations in matters concerning such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security, the Director of Central Intelligence shall transmit therewith a statement indicating the dissenting views of the members of the United States Intelligence Board and the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee in matters relating to intelligence production and resource management.

4. Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee (IRAC).

An Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee is hereby established to advise the Director of Central Intelligence on the preparation of the intelligence budget and the allocation of resources among programs and to ensure that they are employed in accordance with approved requirements with no unwarranted duplication. It will consist of the Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman, and senior representatives of the Department of State, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency, and the Office of Management and Budget.

5. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

a. A United States Intelligence Board is hereby established under the chairmanship of the Director of Central Intelligence. Subject to other established responsibilities under existing law and directives, the United States Intelligence Board will advise and assist the Director of Central Intelligence with respect to:

(1) The establishment of appropriate intelligence objectives, requirements and priorities.

(2) The production of national intelligence.

(3) The supervision of the dissemination and security of intelligence material.

(4) The protection of intelligence sources and methods.

(5) As appropriate, policies with respect to arrangements with foreign governments on intelligence matters.

b. The membership of the United States Intelligence Board shall consist of the following: The Director of Central Intelligence, Chairman; The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Chairman; the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State; The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; The Director, National Security Agency; a representative of the Secretary of the Treasury; a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission; and a representative of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Director of Central Intelligence, as Chairman, shall invite the chief of any other department or agency having functions related to the national security to sit with the United States Intelligence Board whenever matters within the purview of his department or agency are to be discussed.

c. The Board shall be provided with a Secretariat staff, which shall be under the direction of an Executive Secretary appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence. Subordinate committees and working groups shall be established, as appropriate, by the Director of Central Intelligence.

6. National Intelligence

a. National intelligence is that intelligence required for the formulation of national security policy, concerning more than one department or agency, and transcending the exclusive competence of a single department or agency. The Director of Central Intelligence shall produce national intelligence that will carry a statement of abstention or any substantially differing

opinion of a United States Intelligence Board member or of the Intelligence Chief of a Military Department.

b. Departmental intelligence is that intelligence which any department or agency requires to execute its own mission.

c. Interdepartmental intelligence is integrated departmental intelligence required by departments and agencies of the Government for the execution of their missions, but transcending the exclusive competence of a single department or agency to produce. Such subcommittee structure of the United States Intelligence Board as may be established by the Director of Central Intelligence may be utilized for the production and dissemination of interdepartmental intelligence.

d. The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate national intelligence to the President, members of the National Security Council, as appropriate, members of the United States Intelligence Board and, subject to existing statutes, such other components of the Government as the National Security Council may from time to time designate or the United States Intelligence Board may recommend. He is further authorized to disseminate national intelligence and interdepartmental intelligence on a strictly controlled basis to foreign governments and international bodies upon his determination after consultation with the United States Intelligence Board that such action would substantially promote the security of the United States, provided that such dissemination is consistent with existing statutes and Presidential policy, including that reflected in international agreements; and provided further that any disclosure of Federal Bureau of Investigation intelligence information shall be cleared with that agency prior to dissemination. Departmental intelligence and interdepartmental intelligence produced outside the United States Intelligence Board subcommittee structure may be disseminated in accordance with existing statutes and Presidential policy, including that reflected in international agreements.

e. Whenever any member of the United States Intelligence Board obtains information that indicates an impending crisis situation that affects the security of the United States to such an extent that immediate action or decision by the President or the National Security Council may be required, he shall immediately transmit the information to the Director of Central Intelligence and the other members of the United States Intelligence Board, as well as to the National Indications Center and to other officials or agencies as may be indicated by the circumstances. The Director of Central Intelligence shall immediately prepare and disseminate, as appropriate, the national intelligence estimate of the situation.

7. Protection of Intelligence and of Intelligence Sources and Methods

The Director of Central Intelligence, with the advice of the members of the United States Intelligence Board, shall ensure the development of policies and procedures for the protection of intelligence and of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. Each department and agency shall remain responsible for the protection of intelligence and of intelligence sources and methods within its own organization. Each shall also establish appropriate in-

ternal policies and procedures to prevent the unauthorized disclosure from within that agency of intelligence information or activity. The Director of Central Intelligence shall call upon the departments and agencies, as appropriate, to investigate within their department or agency any unauthorized disclosure of intelligence or of intelligence sources or methods. A report of these investigations, including corrective measures taken or recommended within the departments and agencies involved, shall be transmitted to the Director of Central Intelligence for review and such further action as may be appropriate, including reports to the National Security Council or the President.

a. Authorized Disclosures

The Director of Central Intelligence, with the advice and assistance of the United States Intelligence Board, shall establish procedures for review by intelligence authorities of all classified intelligence information contemplated, proposed or prepared for release to the public or for use or disclosure in other unclassified activities in the course of which there is danger that intelligence sources and methods might be revealed. Intelligence information that has been authorized for unclassified disclosure shall be released, used or utilized only in the form and manner authorized under the established review procedures.

8. Community Responsibilities

a. In implementation of, and in conformity with, approved National Security Council policy, the Director of Central Intelligence shall:

(1) Seek the attainment of the following objectives as essential to the efficient and effective functioning of the intelligence community:

(a) The responsiveness of the United States intelligence effort with respect to national requirements must be subject to continuing review.

(b) Authoritative and responsible leadership for the community as a whole must be assured.

(c) A more efficient use of resources by the community in the collection of intelligence information must be achieved. Utilization of the means available must be in consonance with approved requirements of United States security and national interests.

(d) Assignment of intelligence functions within the community must be reviewed and revised to eliminate inefficient, unnecessary or outmoded activities.

(e) The quality, scope and timeliness of the community's product must be improved.

(f) The provision of intelligence and its utilization must enhance the formulation of the foreign and economic policies of the United States Government and the planning for and conduct of military operations by United States forces.

(2) Call upon the other departments and agencies, as appropriate, to ensure that on intelligence matters affecting the national security the in-

intelligence community is supported by the full knowledge and technical talent available in or to the Government.

(3) Ensure that the pertinence, extent and quality of the available foreign intelligence and intelligence information relating to the national security is continually reviewed as a basis for improving the quality of intelligence and the correction of deficiencies.

(4) Take appropriate measures to facilitate the coordinated development of compatible referencing systems within the departments and agencies engaged in foreign intelligence activities. Central reference facilities as a service of common concern shall be provided by the Central Intelligence Agency and/or other departments and agencies, as appropriate.

(5) Make arrangements with the departments and agencies for the assignment to, or exchange with, the Central Intelligence Agency of such experienced and qualified personnel as may be of advantage for advisory, operational or other purposes. In order to facilitate the performance of their respective intelligence missions, the departments and agencies concerned shall, by agreement, provide each other with such mutual assistance as may be within their capabilities and as may be required in the interests of the intelligence community for reasons of economy, efficiency or operational necessity. In this connection primary departmental interests shall be recognized and shall receive mutual cooperation and support.

(6) Be provided with all information required from all departments and agencies of the Executive Branch required for the exercise of his responsibilities.

b. Insofar as practicable, in the fulfillment of their respective responsibilities for the production of intelligence, the several departments and agencies shall not duplicate the intelligence activities and research of other departments and agencies and shall make full use of existing capabilities of the other elements of the intelligence community.

c. The departments and agencies of the Government shall establish appropriate policies and procedures to control and limit undesirable publicity relating to intelligence activities.